



MILILANI MAUKA/ LAUNANI VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 35

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006 MILILANI MAUKA ELEMENTARY

****Due to Spring Break, the Cafeteria was not available for the boards use. Instead, the meeting was held just outside the cafeteria, at the school's student pick-up and drop-off site.**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Melissa Graffigna called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBER'S PRESENT: Dana Agader, David Ellis, Melissa Graffigna, Dean Hazama, Douglas Mossman, Kim Ribellia, Allan Suwa and Pamela Young.

MEMBER'S ABSENT: Marlene Blackwell.

GUEST: Jan Kemp (Board of Water Supply), Capt. Kurt Nakamura (HPD), Representative Marilyn Lee, Rod Ohira (Honolulu Advertiser), Mark Beede (Hawaii Pacific Tennis Foundation), Captain Brattakos (HFD), Mike Hamada (Tesoro), Bob Berry (Olaloa), Tony Gaston (Castle & Cooke), Pat Lee (HHCTCP), Chris Aguinaldo, Kathy Best (Castle & Cooke) and Kelley Santiago (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

POSTING OF COLORS BY BOY SCOUT TROOP 664: The Mililani Mauka Boy Scout Troop No. 664 Honor Guard posted the Colors of the State of Hawaii and the United States. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The approval of Tuesday, February 21, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes were deferred, as it was incomplete.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Suwa reported the following account balances as of February 2006: (1) Operating - \$1,258.00 (2) Publicity - \$877.00 (3) Refreshment - \$120.00

Ellis moved seconded by Mossman to add to the agenda under New Business, "Appropriation of up to \$600 from the Operating to the Publicity Account for advertising expenses incurred for the April 4, 2006 Community Forum."

Discussion followed: (1) Ribellia requested a detailed report of the expenditures. Chair Graffigna noted that a detailed report would be done and provided.

The motion carried unanimously, 10-0-0.

RECOGNITIONS: Doug Mossman introduced Robert Berry, a 75-year old Olaloa resident who daily pick's up trash along Meheula Parkway in Mililani Mauka. The Board, Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz, Castle & Cooke, McDonald's and Tesoro acknowledged Berry's work. Both the Board and Councilmember Dela Cruz's Office each presented Berry with a Certificate of Recognition. Castle & Cooke, McDonald's and Tesoro each presented him with a gift certificate.

Berry expressed appreciation for the recognition and gifts and added that picking up trash is a form of exercise for him.

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND CONCERNS:

Honolulu Fire Department – Capt. Brattakos reported the following for the month of March 2006: Statistics include: 4 structure and 1 vehicle fires; 29 medical, 9 search/rescue and 2 miscellaneous emergencies. Unusual incidents include the flooding in Koolauloa and a childbirth in a Mililani Mauka home. (2) Fire Safety Tip: Brush fires cause great damage. Dispose of all fires properly. Make and maintain a 30-foot wide firebreak by clearing vegetation-surrounding structures. Formulate emergency plans. For more information, contact Denise Laitinen of Firewise at 281-3497 or go to www.firewise.org.



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Honolulu Police Department – Capt. Kurt Nakamura reported the following: (1) Statistics include 17 burglaries, 13 unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle and 27 thefts.

Military – Dave Ellis reported the following for the military representative who left the meeting due to a personal injury: (1) Board members may be given an opportunity to ride on the Stryker at Schofield next month.

Board of Water Supply – Jan Kemp reported the following: (1) There were no main breaks for the month. (2) Detect-a-Leak Week – Consumer are asked to check their homes for leaks. Checking for property leaks should be integral to your overall maintenance efforts, and can save money by reducing unnecessary water waste in your homes.

Oahu Arts Center (OAC) – Kimberly Ribellia reported the following: (1) The Annual Mozart Festival held on February 25 at UH Manoa was a success. (2) The 4th Annual Night of the Arts Golf Tournament will be held on August 26, 2006. More information will be provided as it becomes available. (3) The 4th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 12, 2006 at Kapolei Golf Course. Deadline to register your 3-person team is April 29, 2006.

Central Oahu Regional Park (CORP) – Pam Young reported the following: (1) A few coqui frogs had been found infesting some hou plants at the mauka end of the park. Vector Control eliminated them. (2) Aquatics facility update: The facility is experiencing a lot of users. Public lap swimming is a major attraction, especially with the heated water. The natural gas-powered heating system is proving to be highly efficient. (3) Hawaii Pacific Tennis Foundation (HPTF): The Executive Director, Mark Beede sent a letter to Mayor Mufi Hannemann regarding the use of Central Oahu Regional Park's combined Tennis and Aquatics clubhouse by the Hawaii Pacific Tennis Foundation.

Castle and Cooke – Tony Gaston provided a brief update regarding its American Classics, Island Classics and Nohona Product homes. The American Classic models are single-family dwellings that range from 1900 sq. ft. to 3500 sq. ft. and a price tag of \$800k to \$900k. The Island Classic single-family home models range from 1400 sq. ft. to 2000 sq. ft costing between \$600k to low \$700k. The Nahona Product models are townhomes ranging in price from the low \$300k to the high \$300k. The square footage ranges between 935 sq. ft. to 1200 sq. ft.

Gaston also provided the following updates: (1) Lehiwa traffic signal – Work for the signal is out to bid. The signal should be operational by the end of 2006. (2) Kaapeha traffic signal – The design is complete and awaiting approval from the Department of Planning and Permitting. (3) Recreation Center 7 – Castle and Cooke is working out some flooring issues before turning the center to the Mililani Town Association (MTA).

Other Community Concerns:

Launani Valley resident concern regarding use of “stop” sign on Wikao Street – Chair Graffigna referred the concern to Councilmember Dela Cruz's Office.

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project – Pat Lee distributed information about project. Anyone needing additional information may call 566-2299 or visit the website at www.honolulutransit.org

NEW BUSINESS:

Central Oahu Regional Park Aquatics & Tennis Facility – Mark Beede, Executive Director, Hawaii Pacific Tennis Foundation requested the Board's support of the foundation's public/private partnership at Central Oahu Regional Park's Tennis Complex and presented the Board with a Resolution for adoption.

Questions, comments and concerns: (1) The issue was referred to Councilmember Dela Cruz's Office and the Mayor's Representative, Gordon Bruce. Both reported that they were instructed by the City Corporation Counsel to not comment on the issue as it is under legal review.

Ellis moved seconded by Hazama to defer the issue until next month, with guidance for Corporation Counsel.

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Discussion followed: (1) Young stated that all City contracts, at one time or another, go under legal review. She suggested that discussion on the issue continue. (2) Ribellia questioned why the resolution as presented by Beede was not included on the agenda. In response, Chair Graffigna reported that it was not the Board that was introducing the Resolution it is Pacific Tennis Foundation that was asking the board to review and consider the Resolution. (3) Suwa supported deferring the subject in a manner that would allow both parties, the City and Tennis Foundation equal time to present their cases.

The motion carried unanimously, 8-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative – Gordon Bruce was available for questions: (1) Concern was raised about residents not receiving notice about the schedule change for green waste pick-up. (2) Regarding camouflaging of antenna's, 14 applications is under review. Of the 14 applications, several related to areas in the Mililani.

Governor's Representative – Brian Sekiguchi highlighted the following: (1) The right westbound lane of the H-1 Freeway will be close nightly from the h-1/Moanalua freeway merge to the Pearl City off-ramp on the following dates: Monday, March 20 through Thursday, March 23 from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. and from 10 p.m. on Friday, March 24 through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday March 26. In addition, two right westbound lanes along the h-1 Freeway will be closed on Saturday, March 25 between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for roadwork. Message boards will be used to inform motorists of the 24 hour lane closure.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Comment was raised that it is impossible to reduce speed to 15 mph when exiting the H-1 viaduct to the airport.

Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz – Councilmember Dela Cruz distributed his report and highlighted the following: (1) Council introduced a resolution regarding camouflaging of antennas, Resolution 05-393. It was stated that the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) must introduce a bill, however DPP testified against the resolution. (2) A traffic study is in progress on Wikao St., in response to a concern raised regarding use of the "stop" sign.

Senator Robert Bunda – A representative was not present.

Senator Ron Menor – No report.

Representative Marilyn Lee – Representative Lee distributed her report and highlighted the following: (1) She voted in favor of a bill regarding emergency relief for natural disaster which would appropriate \$14 million to be used by the Dept. of Agriculture to study area dams. (2) Surplus: Included in the CIP portion of the House Bill 1900, to appropriate supplemental funds for the operating and Capital Improvements costs of the Executive Branch from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 is Mililani High School Phone System, Mililani Ike Elementary School Portable Restroom, Mililani Uka Elementary School Air Conditioning, Interstate Route H-1, Pearl City Viaduct and Waimalu Viaduct Improvements, and Interstate Route H-1, West bound Afternoon Zipperlane Study.

Questions, comments and concerns: (1) Keva Graffigna suggested introducing a bill that would require dogs to wear a seatbelt while traveling in vehicles. He reported seeing a dog injured in a car accident. Representative Lee thanked Graffigna for his suggestion and reported that although it's too late to submit a bill this year, she'd gladly look into it next year.

Representative Marcus Oshiro – A representative was not present.

All other Legislative Reports – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Transportation – No report.

Education – No report.

Health/Public Safety – No report.

Planning/Zoning – Hazama reported the following: (1) The Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting was held on Monday, March 20. Detailed minutes will be provided at a later time.

Recognition – No report.

Military/Civil Defense – No report.

Parks & Recreation – No report.

Legislative – Dana Agader forwarded to the appropriate agency and/or departments a bill regarding the need for an elderly education identification program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Regular Meeting of the Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board will be held on April 18, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Mililani Mauka Elementary School Cafeteria, 95-1111 Makaikai Street.
2. On April 4, 2006 NB 25 & NB 35 will be holding a Community Forum to discuss the Central Oahu Communities Sustainable Plan. The meeting will be held at Mililani Ike Elementary School Cafeteria at 7 p.m.
3. Ribellia reported of the Mililani Community Transit Center's Ground Breaking, which took place on Monday, March 20.

The agenda was taken out of order.

\$600 appropriation for advertising expenses for April 4 Community Forum – Ellis moved seconded by Hazama to appropriate up to \$600 for advertising expenses of the April 4 Community Forum. The motion carried unanimously, 8-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objections, Chair Graffigna adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelley Santiago
Neighborhood Assistant